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SUBJ: LAR VERBAL ATTACK ON SADAT: RELEASE OF ALLEGED
EGYPTIAN SPIES

1. DESPITE ALLEGED CONCILIATORY TONE OF QADHAFI'S
SEPT 1 SPEECH ON RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, VILLIFICATION
OF PRESIDENT SADAT RESUMED SEPT 13 IN LAR CONTROLLED
MEDIA. AL JIHAD EDITORIAL CHARGES SADAT WITH ATTEMPTING
TO PUT AN END GREAT FIRST OF SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION
AND TREASON AGAINST EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND ARMY.
EDITORIAL REPEATS PRE-SEPT THEME CALLING FOR TRIAL
OF SADAT TO CONFRONT HIM WITH HIS CRIMES. SEPT 15
EDITORIAL IN DAILY AL FAJR DECRIES SADAT'S "CHANGES
AND BETRAYALS" AFTER TAKING OFFICE. PRESIDENT
SADAT IS DESCRIBED AS ABANDONING NASSER'S PRINCIPLES
AND "DOING HIS BEST TO MAKE EGYPT THE PROMISED LAND
FOR AMERICAN IMPERIALISM." THE EDITORIAL ALSO
COMMENTS THAT LAR WOULD REJECT EGYPTIAN ATTEMPTS
TO OCCUPY LIBYAN TERRITORY AND BE "UNDER MERCY
OF HIRELING CRIMINALS." SUCH A MOVE BY SADAT
WOULD BE A HISTORICAL MISCALCULATION, EDITORIAL
CLAIMED.

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2. LAR POLICY OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN PERSONAL ATTACKS

ON PRESIDENT SADAT AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTEMPTING
TO CULTIVATE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WAS DESMONSTRATED RECENTLY BY
RELEASE OF 23 EGYPTIANS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE MEMBERS OF ESPIONAGE
AND SABOTAGE RING RUN BY EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IN LAR. RELEASED
PRISONERS WERE REMANDED TO EGYPTIAN RELATIONS BUREAU IN
TRIPOLI FOR DEPORTATION ON ORDERS OF QADHAFI.
LOCAL MEDIA STRESSES THEME INDIVIDUALS MISGUIDED
BY SADAT'S REGIME. LIST OF NAMES AND RANKS OF
RELEASE PRISONERS SUGGESTS THEY WERE RECRUITED
MAINLY FROM NON-COM RANKS OF EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES.
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